



A member of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

† Eighth Sunday after Pentecost † August 3, 2025 †



Welcome in the name of Jesus!

We're so glad to have you join us in worship of our Lord! If you are a guest with us today, please stop by the registration book at the back of church.

Policy Regarding the Lord's Supper

Faithful to our Lord Jesus and His Word, St. John's practices the Biblical and historical teaching of closed communion. This means that those who commune together are united around a common confession of faith and have been taught to prepare and examine themselves. In love to our Lord and all people, in general only members in good standing of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS) and the other worldwide Lutheran Church bodies united and in fellowship with her are invited to the altar. If you have any questions, please speak to Pastor. He would be delighted to answer any questions you may have.

In the Lord's service today:

Rev. Robert Barth, guest preacher and celebrant

Cheryl Long, organist

Jacob Olsson, elder

300 E. Gibson St. † New Berlin, IL

Sunday School and Bible Study 9:00 AM † Divine Worship 10:00 AM

Confession and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
Hebrews 10:22

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Psalm 124:8

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

Psalm 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

John 20:19-23

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 49:7-8, 13-14a, 15; antiphon: vv. 1-2



Hear this, all | peoples!*

Give ear, all inhabitants | of the world,

both | low and high,*

rich and poor to- | gether!

Truly no man can ransom an- | other,*

or give to God the price | of his life,

for the ransom of their life is | costly*

and can nev- | er suffice.

This is the path of those who have foolish confidence; *

yet after them people approve | of their boasts.

Like sheep they are appointed | for Sheol; *

death shall be their shepherd.

But God will ransom my soul from the power | of Sheol, *
 for he will re- | ceive me.
 Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
 and to the Holy | Spirit;
 as it was in the be- | ginning, *
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
 Hear this, all | peoples! *
 Give ear, all inhabitants | of the world,
 both | low and high, *
 rich and poor to- | gether!

Kyrie

LSB 186

Mark 10:47

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
 men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
 O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
 O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

R And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

R A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26

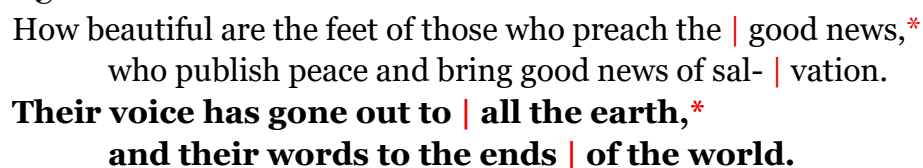
²Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .

¹²I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹⁴I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .

¹⁸I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, ¹⁹and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Romans 10:15b, 18b, Isaiah 52:7b, alt.



Colossians 3:1-11

⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

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C Thanks be to God.

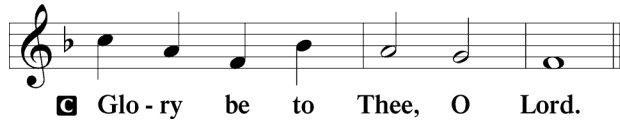




Holy Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.



¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”
¹⁴But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

LSB 206

**I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth
 and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.**

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
 Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 Who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

LSB 782

Sermon

Pastor Robert Barth

Offertory

LSB 192

Psalm 51:10-12



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Prayers of the Church

2 Timothy 2:1-4

- P** ...Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bleſſ-ed is He, bleſſ - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name...

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

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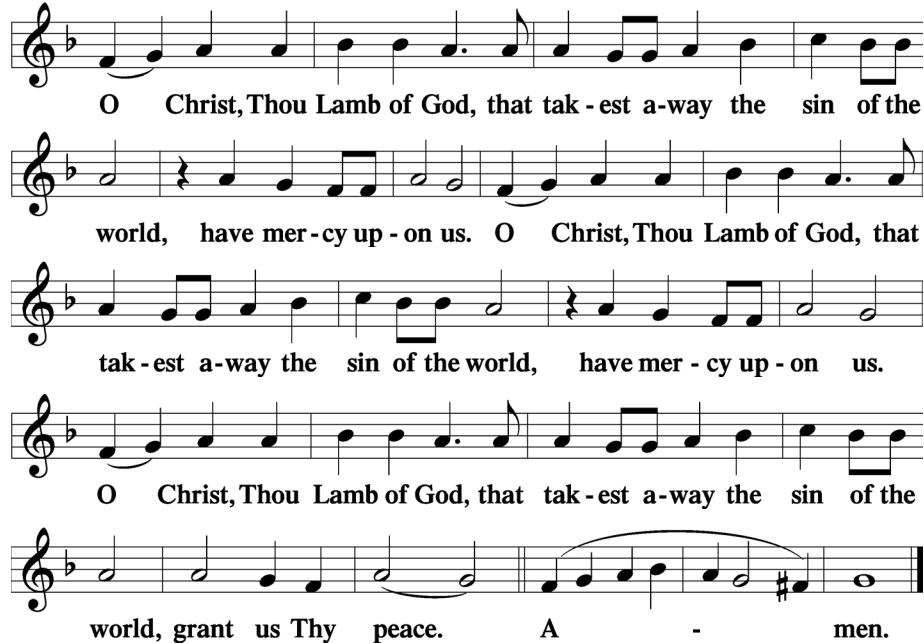
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



Distribution Hymns

By Grace I'm Saved

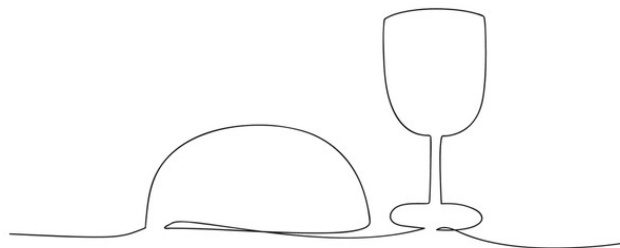
Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling

LSB 566

LSB 487

LSB 630



Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - men.

Benedicamus and Benediction

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



G And with thy spir - it.

P Bless we the Lord.

Psalm 103:1



G Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26



G A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

Praise the Almighty

LSB 797



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Church News

PRAYER LIST

We give thanks as Ron Krohse will celebrate his 80th birthday this Tuesday, August 5. To God be the glory!

Blessings to Madison Bandelow and Tyler Smith as they are united in marriage this Saturday.

For Carolyn Marcotte, in rehab after a fall,

Karen Moore, Pastor's mother, battling bone cancer,

Gene Bergschneider, for health issues,

Cora Olsson, for health-related issues,

and Ron Krohse, for heart-related health issues.

To add a prayer request, please contact Rachael Davenport or Pastor Moore.

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Continuing our summer journey with Jesus, we kicked off our August adventure through **Australia**. We're exploring amazing animals, lush landscapes, stunning sea life, and wondrous wilderness—all while being guided by our Savior, Jesus, who says in our theme verse: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." – John 14:6. Today's lesson was "God Calls Moses" (Exodus 3), where we learned how God called Moses by name from a burning bush—and how He calls each of us, too! As Isaiah 43:1 reminds us: "I have called you by name, you are Mine." Join us next week as our faith-filled adventure continues!

MARY-MARTHA NEWS

Mary-Martha will meet on Thursday, August 7, at 6:30 pm. Ruth Lauderback is our hostess. Roll call is a favorite snack recipe to share. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to join us as we pledge Him our willing service whenever and wherever He hath need of us.

At our meeting on August 7, we will be signing up for hostess/communion ware for our new program book. If you aren't able to attend the meeting, please call Lisa on August 8 at (217) 899-5545 to sign up. All ladies are welcome anytime. If you would like to join Mary-Martha and be included in the new book, please come to our meeting on August 7 or call Lisa. Thank you!

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Church Council meeting will be on Monday, August 4, at 7:00 pm.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL/SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC UPDATE

We're combining the Ice Cream Social and Sunday School Picnic this year—join us on Sunday, August 31 from 5–7 PM in the church basement as well as outside. Eat in and stay for the fun or carry out. We'll have grilled burgers, brats, hot dogs, desserts, and Culver's ice cream—all for a free-will offering. If you'd like to donate a pie or cake, we'd appreciate it! Please drop off donations by 3 PM Sunday, August 31 if possible. There'll be plenty of free fun for the kids, with games and activities throughout the evening—and we'll wrap things up with a water balloon toss!

KFUO

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org: On Sharper Iron (weekdays, 8 am) we're continuing our summer study through several of the Psalms! This week, we'll look at Psalms 89, 93, 99, 101, & 113. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays, 11 am) as we continue our study of Paul's letter to the Galatians. On Concord Matters this Saturday (8/9, 10 am), Pastor Finnern will lead us through a study of the 4th Commandment in the Large Catechism. What should it look for us to honor our parents well? Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app!

OPENING AT TRINITY, TAYLORVILLE

Trinity Lutheran Church, Taylorville, is accepting applications for a Christian DCFS qualified Early Childcare Director. The twenty-two year old program serves children ages 6 month to 5 years. Salary range \$45-\$55K. Contact childcareplus@ctitech.com.

FISH FRY AT ST. JOHN'S, BATH

You are invited to join us on Monday, August 18, 4:30-7 pm to St. John's Lutheran of rural Bath for our annual Fish Fry. The menu will include: Breaded Walleye, Catfish fillets, Chicken Strips and Home fries as well as Cole Slaw, Baked Beans and desserts all for a donation of your choice. Funds raised will be given to Swaddling Clothes Ministry of Salem Lutheran in Jacksonville.

GROUNDBREAKING AT TRINITY, BLOOMINGTON

On Saturday, August 9, at 10 AM, Trinity will hold a groundbreaking ceremony for our new church construction site at 1102 W. Hamilton Road, Bloomington, IL. Rooted in the words of Psalm 78:4, this event is a joyful celebration of God's faithfulness and our mission to "share the forgiveness and love of the resurrected Christ and make disciples." Enjoy a brief service, photo ops, food trucks, and family-friendly activities. Celebrate this joyful milestone! Details at trinluth.org.

A DOLLAR FOR MISSIONS

45-year-old insulation in the chancel ceiling at Wittenberg Lutheran Center, Normal has fallen from its original place under the roof. It needs to be replaced, in what figures to be an expensive job calling for ingenious work involving a high ceiling. This DFM project is for \$10,000.

PASTORAL CARE PHONE NUMBERS

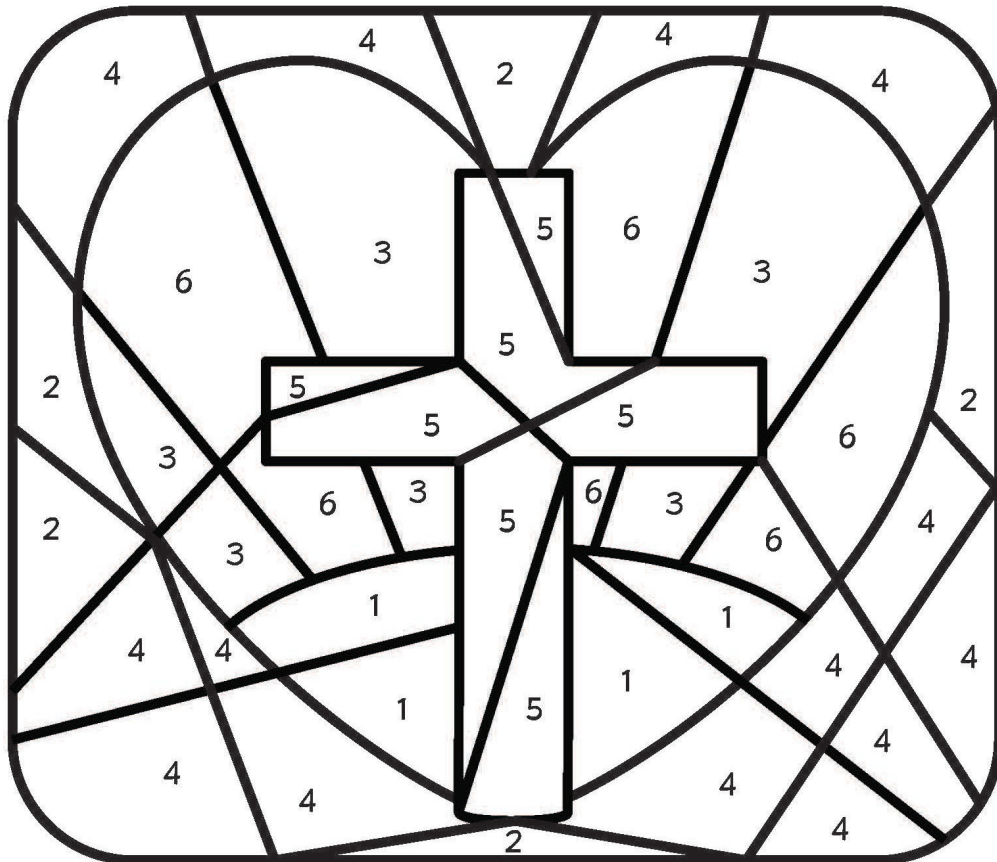
Pastor Moore: (636) 582-0685. Elders--Jacob Olsson: (217) 638-5209; Chad Lauderback: (217) 414-8809; Harrison Pearson: (217) 971-5097.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements should be sent to Rachael Davenport by noon on Thursdays. Contact Rachael at socialmedia@stjnb.org or (217) 883-8558 (call/text).

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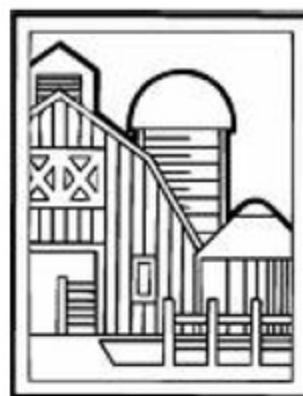
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The Parable of the Rich Fool

Then he said, "Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own."

Luke 12:15 (NLT)

Based on Luke 12:13-21



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Parable of the Rich Fool in Luke 12:13-23

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